

Parish of Newry

Sunday 4 June 2017
Pentecost Sunday

“Without the Holy Spirit,” said Ignatius of Laodicea (Orthodox Metropolitan, at the third assembly of the World Council of Churches at Uppsala, in 1968) “God is distant, Christ is merely an historical figure, the Gospel is a dead letter, the Church is just an organisation, authority is domination, mission is propaganda, liturgy is only nostalgia, and the work of Christians is slave labour. But with the Holy Spirit, Christ is risen and present, the Gospel is a living force, the Church is a communion in the life of the Trinity, authority is a service that sets people free, mission is Pentecost, the liturgy is memory and anticipation, and the labour of Christians is divinised.”

The Holy Spirit is the soul of the Church. The feast of Pentecost is an annual invitation to the Church to look into itself and discover its soul. It is tempted, like all of us, to keep looking the other way.

In one sense it is more natural to forget about one's inner life and to get on with one's work. If you are always worrying about your heart or your liver, etc., you will not take risks or do a lot of work. A healthy person just goes to it. The Holy Spirit is the soul of the Church, and there is a sense in which that Spirit likes to work unseen, undeclared. “It is not those who say to me, ‘Lord, Lord!’ who will enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 7:21). Adapting Jesus' words we could say, It is not those who say ‘Holy Spirit!’ who will enter the kingdom of heaven. It is those who live by the Spirit. During the 2nd Vatican Council an Eastern bishop complained that there was little mention of the Holy Spirit in the documents. But something tells us that talking about the Spirit is not the same thing as living by the Spirit.

However, we do have to pay attention to that inner place, to see by what spirit we are being driven. If you never paid any attention to your health you would be asking for trouble. Today's feast is a reminder.

But obviously there is much more to it than this. Traditional images of the Holy Spirit are: Fire, Wind, Water, Cloud, Dove....

Why such strange images? All of them (except ‘dove’) have indeterminate boundaries or no boundaries at all. They are reminders that we should not dare to restrict the activity of the Spirit to a few things we can understand.

*O Dove, O Flame, O Water, Wind and Cloud...!
O love that lifts us wholly into God!*

The Holy Spirit lives in us but is not confined in us. It is God; rather than being diminished in us, it “lifts us wholly into God,” as the poet said. Any soul is for expansion, not constriction. Things that have no soul - sticks and stones - are restricted entirely to themselves; plants have a certain ability to reach beyond themselves, for food and for propagating their species; animals still more. But human beings are able to reach vastly beyond themselves and touch the depths of everything. This capacity is enlarged infinitely by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, so that we can touch even the depths of God. “The Spirit searches all things,” St Paul wrote, “even the deep things of God. For who knows the thoughts of a person except the person's own inner spirit? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us” (1 Cor 2:10).

In a daring image the same poet, Jessica Powers, wrote that silence is a sort of decoy of the Holy Spirit. Just as hunters attract the flying birds out of the sky by placing a plastic or wooden model of them on the ground, we call down God's Spirit by our silence.

*The decoy of silence,
hope's unuttered sigh,
that the Ultimate Silence
drift down from the sky.*

Fr Donagh O'Shea, O.P.,
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Mass Times

The Cathedral of SS. Patrick & Colman, Hill Street

Sunday Mass Times:
Saturday Vigil : 6.00pm
Sunday : 8.30am, 10.00am,
12 noon, & 5.30pm
Weekday Mass Times :
Monday to Friday 8.30am,
Monday to Saturday
10.30am.

St. Brigid's Church, Rooney's Meadow

Saturday Evening
(Vigil Mass) : 7.00pm
Sunday : 9.30am
(Po Polsku)
Friday : 7.00pm

St. Mary's Church, Chapel Street

Sunday : 9.00am
(Latin Mass) & 11.00am
Tuesday : 7.00pm

St. Catherine's Church, Dominican Priory, Dominic Street

Saturday Vigil : 7.30pm
Sunday : 8.00am, 9.30am,
11.00am & 12.15pm
Weekday Mass Times :
Monday to Saturday 7.30am,
11.00am & 7.30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Cathedral: Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Friday & Saturday
9.00am – 11.00am.
Thursday 9.00am – 9.00pm
Sunday 1.00pm – 5.15pm.
St. Catherine's: Blessed
Sacrament Chapel each day
8.00am to 8.00pm.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE

All Baptisms, Marriages and appointments may be arranged by calling the Parish Office. A Priest is available in the Parish Office from Monday to Friday 1.00pm – 2.00pm and in the evening by appointment.

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Congregation stands

**Entrance Hymn or
Entrance Antiphon**

Wis 1:7

**All: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world
and that which contains all things
understands what is said, alleluia.**

GREETING

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and
of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

All: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Priest: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so
prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Priest: Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest: Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen

THE GLORIA

**All: Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the
Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Priest: Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer

Priest: O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast
sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation,
pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit
across the face of the earth
and, with the divine grace that was at work
when the Gospel was first proclaimed,

fill now once more the hearts of believers.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Congregation Sits

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

2:1-11

When Pentecost day came around, the apostles had all met in
one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a
powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire
house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to
them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came
to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the
Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit
gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from
every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled,
each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own
language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said
'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that
each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians,
Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and
Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and
the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome –
Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them
preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R cf. V.30

**(R) Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.**

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **(R)**
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R)**
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

12:3-7. 12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of
the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are
all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord;
working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the
same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in
which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.
Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a
single unit because all these parts, though many, make one
body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised,
Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit
was given to us all to drink.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit, Lord of light, From the clear celestial height Thy pure beaming radiance give.	If thou take thy grace away, Nothing pure in man will stay; All his good is turned to ill.
Come, thou Father of the poor, Come with treasures which endure; Come, thou light of all that live!	Heal our wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness pour thy dew; Wash the stains of guilt away:
Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest, Dost refreshing peace bestow;	Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill; Guide the steps that go astray.
Thou in toil art comfort sweet; Pleasant coolness in the heat; Solace in the midst of woe.	Thou, on us who evermore Thee confess and thee adore, With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Light immortal, light divine, Visit thou these hearts of thine, And our inmost being fill:	Give us comfort when we die; Give us life with thee on high; Give us joys that never end.

Congregation stands

ACCLAMATION

All: Alleluia, alleluia!
**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.**
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.
Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John **20:19-23**
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

All: The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation sits

HOMILY

Congregation stands

THE CREED

**All: I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the**

**Father; through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,**

(bow your head up to the words 'and became man')

**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic
Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of
the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Congregation sits

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Procession

*The gifts of bread and wine which will become the Lord's body
and blood are brought to the altar.*

The celebrant raises the host on the paten saying:

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the bread we offer you:
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,
it will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

*The celebrant pours wine and a little water into the
chalice, saying quietly:*

Priest: By the mystery of this water and wine
may we come to share in the divinity of Christ
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

*The celebrant then raises the chalice above the
altar and says:*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the wine we offer you:
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Bowing, the celebrant says quietly:

Priest: With humble spirit and contrite heart
may we be accepted by you, O Lord,
and may our sacrifice in your sight this day
be pleasing to you, Lord God.

Then the celebrant washes his hands, saying quietly:

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice
and yours may be acceptable to God, almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Priest: Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, as promised by your Son, the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly the hidden mystery of this sacrifice and graciously lead us into all truth. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

Congregation stands

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right and just.**

PREFACE (The Mystery of Pentecost)

Priest: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For, bringing your Paschal Mystery to completion, you bestowed the Holy Spirit today on those you made your adopted children by uniting them to your Only Begotten Son. This same Spirit, as the Church came to birth, opened to all peoples the knowledge of God and brought together the many languages of the earth in profession of the one faith.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim:

ACCLAMATION

All: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Congregation kneels

Priest: To you, therefore, most merciful Father, we make humble prayer and petition through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord: that you accept and bless + these gifts, these offerings, these holy and unblemished sacrifices, which we offer you firstly for your holy catholic Church. Be pleased to grant her peace, to guard, unite and govern her throughout the whole world, together with your servant Francis our Pope and N our Bishop, and all those who, holding to the truth, hand on the catholic and apostolic faith.

Remember, Lord, your servants N. and N. and all gathered here, whose faith and devotion are known to you. For them, we offer you this sacrifice of praise or they offer it for themselves and all who are dear to them: for the redemption of their souls, in hope of health and well-being, and paying their

homage to you, the eternal God, living and true.

Celebrating the most sacred day of Pentecost, on which the Holy Spirit appeared to the Apostles in tongues of fire, and in communion with those whose memory we venerate, especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ, and blessed Joseph, her Spouse, your blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, and all your Saints; we ask that through their merits and prayers, in all things we may be defended by your protecting help.

Therefore, Lord, we pray; graciously accept this oblation of our service, that of your whole family; order our days in your peace, and command that we be delivered from eternal damnation and counted among the flock of those you have chosen.

Be pleased, O God, we pray, to bless, acknowledge, and approve this offering in every respect; make it spiritual and acceptable, so that it may become for us the Body and Blood of your most beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the day before he was to suffer, he took bread in his holy and venerable hands, and with eyes raised to heaven to you, O God, his almighty Father, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took this precious chalice, in his holy and venerable hands, and once more giving you thanks, he said the blessing and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR
MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Priest: The mystery of faith.

All: **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

Priest: Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the blessed Passion, the Resurrection from the dead, and the glorious Ascension into heaven of Christ, your Son, our Lord, we, your servants and your holy people, offer to your glorious majesty from the gifts that you have given us, this pure victim, this holy victim, this spotless victim, the holy Bread of eternal life and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.

Be pleased to look upon these offerings with a serene and kindly countenance, and to accept them, as once you were pleased to accept the gifts of your servant Abel the just, the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith, and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek, a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.

In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God: command that these gifts be borne by the hands

of your holy Angel to your altar on high in the sight of your divine majesty, so that all of us, who through this participation at the altar receive the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing.

Remember also, Lord, your servants **N.** and **N.**, who have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace. Grant them, O Lord, we pray, and all who sleep in Christ, a place of refreshment, light and peace.

To us, also, your servants, who, though sinners, hope in your abundant mercies, graciously grant some share and fellowship with your holy Apostles and Martyrs: with John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, and all your Saints; admit us, we beseech you, into their company, not weighing our merits, but granting us your pardon, through Christ our Lord.

Through whom you continue to make all these good things, O Lord; you sanctify them, fill them with life, bless them, and bestow them upon us.

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.
All: **Amen.**

Congregation stands

THE COMMUNION RITE

Priest: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
All: **And with your spirit.**

The celebrant may add these or similar words.

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All make a sign of peace, according to local custom.

Priest: May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

All: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

Congregation kneels

The celebrant says quietly:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, through your Death gave life to the world, free me by this, your most holy Body and Blood, from all my sins and from every evil; keep me always faithful to your commandments, and never let me be parted from you.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Priest: May the Body of Christ keep me safe for eternal life.

Priest: May the Blood of Christ keep me safe for eternal life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Acts 2:4, 11

All: **They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.**

Purifying the chalice the celebrant says quietly:

What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what has been given to us in time may be our healing for eternity.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Congregation kneels

Priest: Let us pray.
O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Priest: The Lord be with you.
All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit
All: **Amen**

Then the celebrant, with hands joined and facing the people, says:

Priest: Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia.
All: **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

Message from the Administrator

This Sunday 4th June two men will be Ordained to the Permanent Diaconate in the Cathedral at 3.00pm for the Diocese of Dromore. John McClelland is a native of the Parish of Newry and Michael Rooney a native of Ballela, Parish of Dromore. We ask you to keep these men in your prayers in the days following their Ordination. Parishioners are very welcome to attend the Ordination Ceremony in the Cathedral. The Work of the Deacons includes the following:

The Permanent Diaconate

The work of Deacons:

- Celebrate solemn baptisms
Lead funerals
Preach during Mass
Teach
Prayer services for the sick and dying
Lead Communion services
Serve as chaplains
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

- Bless and witness marriage ceremonies
Proclaim the Gospel
Comfort the sick
Lead prayer services
Assist the Bishop or Priest during the liturgical functions of the Mass
Oversee the ministries of charity of the Parish
Preside over the Liturgy of the Hours
Public Blessings

Once John & Michael are ordained, there will be five Deacons working in the Diocese. Congratulations and our good wishes to both men and we wish them many blessings in their ministry as deacons in the diocese.

The local Knights of St. Columbanus (CK10) have managed to acquire a First Class Relic (ex Sanguine) of St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa). The relic will visit the 26 Cathedrals in Ireland and the two Basilicas. The Relic will begin its journey in Armagh Cathedral on Thursday 8th June and will arrive in Newry Cathedral on Saturday 10th June. It will be in the Cathedral until Monday 12th June and available for public veneration; then it will move on to Down & Connor Diocese. Once the Relic has completed its tour it will take a permanent residence in Newry Cathedral for public veneration. We are indebted to the Knights of St. Columbanus for their efforts in bringing this Relic to the people of Ireland.

Canon Francis Brown

2017 GUIDED TOURS OF NEWRY CATHEDRAL

Following the interest shown in the guided tours of the Cathedral over the past four years there will be a further series of guided tours of the Cathedral on the following Wednesdays:

- Wednesday 31st May 7.00pm Wednesday 28th June 2.00pm
Wednesday 19th July 7.00pm Wednesday 16th August 2.00pm
Wednesday 30th August 7.00pm

The tour will take approximately 90 minutes. Please meet at the main door of the Cathedral. You will hear the story of the building of the Cathedral, 1825-1829, and of the later extensions. The history of its stained glass, marble altars, sculptures and magnificent mosaics will also be explained. There is no charge for these tours.

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Newry Parish Offertory Promise Committee

Prayer for Exams

Lord pour out your Spirit of wisdom on us: help us to remain calm, to attend carefully to the questions asked, to think clearly, to remember accurately, and to express ourselves well. We commend our studies to your powerful protection. We implore you to grant us a quick understanding, a safe judgement and a faithful memory. Grant that we may reflect the best of work we have done and the best of teaching that we have received.

Accept our best efforts in these examinations and in the great test of life on earth. May your love be upon us, O Lord as we place all our trust in you. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

Every Success in your exams, and every blessing for the future.

Recently Deceased

- Hugh Heaney, Cedar Grove
Mary McManus, Newtownhamilton
Pat Murtagh, Derryleckagh Road

Mass Time Change in St. Mary's Church Sunday 4th June

Mass this Sunday 4th June in St. Mary's Church will be celebrated at 10.30am instead of 11.00am. There are two football matches in Páirc Esler that day, the first beginning at 12noon, so parking at the later Mass time would be more difficult for parishioners.

ANNUAL CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

This year the Corpus Christi Procession will begin at St. Mary's Church, Chapel Street at 3.00pm on Sunday 18th June 2017 continuing along Boat Street, William Street, Hill Street, ending at the Cathedral for Benediction and Blessing. It is hoped that residents along the route of the procession will display papal flags and we invite the children and the parents of those children who received the Sacrament of Holy Communion & Confirmation to come along and if they would like to wear their Holy Communion and Confirmation outfits.

Holy Hour in honour of Jesus the Divine Mercy and Our Lady in St. Catherine's Church this Sunday 4th June at 3.00pm. Come spend an hour with the Eucharistic Lord.

LECTIO DIVINA

The Lectio Divina gathering continues in the Parish Centre, The Mall, each Tuesday & Thursday at 11.00am

ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT Women's Programme

We are pleased to announce that the Spring Programme continues each Wednesday in the Parish Centre. The theme for the Spring Season will be 'Approaches to Prayer'. Come along and join us in what promises to be an enriching experience when together we can develop a deeper and more meaningful spiritual relationship with each other and with God. A detailed information leaflet and registration form may be obtained from the Parish Office.

Summer Camp YMCA, Newcastle 4th July - 7th July

Summer Camp for young people aged 12 & 13 years. - an adventure in faith using the challenge of outdoor pursuits, swimming, African drumming, art, night walks and much more...plus daily prayer. Information letters and registration forms are available from the Parish Office, Hill Street. Book early as places are limited. For further information Tel: 308 33898

Mass for the Deceased Members of Branch Fr. John Rooney & Branch St. Ita. I.N.F. Ballyholland will be held in the INF HALL, Ballyholland on Monday 12th June at 7.45pm for Mass at 8.00pm Sharp. All members are asked to attend.

NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

Cathedral Anniversaries

Saturday 3 June	10.30am 6.00pm	James & Nan Kearney, Ashgrove Road Eugene McVeigh, Slievegullion Road (M.M.) Michael McArdle, Shandon Park Gerry McLoughlin, Stream Street
Sunday 4 June	8.30am 12 noon	Rev. Francis J. O'Hare Pauline McArdle, Cecil Street Robert & Anne Loughran, Greenfield Park Patrice Gorman, Glen Road
Wednesday 7 June	10.30am	The Benefactors of Newry Parish
Thursday 8 June	8.30am	Rev. Joseph Boyle
Saturday 10 June	10.30am 6.00pm	Brendan Finnerty, Spain, formerly Warren Hill Gerry, Colum & Davina Marks, Parkhead Crescent Jennifer Kelly, Chapel Road, The Commons (M.M.) Marie Hollywood, formerly Bridge Street (M.M.) Dan McArdle, Grinan & Fr. Sean Rafferty, Barr Joe & Josephine Rooney, Courtney Hill Emily & Patrick Woods, Church Street The Fitzpatrick family, Cowan Street Brian Finnegan, Greenfield Park Pat McMahan, Thomas Street Eamon Burns, Drumgullion Avenue
Sunday 11 June	12noon	Kevin Carroll, Abbey Heights Edward Traynor, Ganna Way, Warrenpoint Tommy Ballance, formerly Windsor Hill

St. Mary's Anniversaries

Sunday 4 June	10.30am	Helen McAteer, McAteer Villas, Ballyholland John & Louisa Ward, Crieve & deceased family members Sr. Declan Stewart, Dublin
Tuesday 6 June	7.00pm	The deceased members of the Purgatorian Society
Sunday 11 June	11.00am	Peter Campbell, Commons Way Christopher Hughes, Grinan & Paschal Hughes, Warren Hill Rosena, Sean & Sean (Jun) Kennedy, O'Neill Avenue James McParland, Warrenpoint Road Kitty & Tommy Doran & Annie & William Doran, Warrenpoint Road Patrick & Lily Meehan, Courtney Hill Michael McLoughlin, Carlingford Park

St. Brigid's Anniversaries

Saturday 3 June	7.00pm	Mary McLaughlin, Violet Hill Avenue Mary Sparkes, (nee Quinn), St. Clare's Avenue Noel Marron, Mourneview Park Bill McCaul, Orior Road John & Marie O'Hanlon, Orior Road Hugh & Mary Carragher, Tullyheron Margaret O'Brien & deceased family members, Second Avenue, Derrybeg Sr. Anne Marie, Sr. Brigid, Teresa Regan & Philomena Fegan May & Tommy Hughes, Angela Cochran & Aidy Hughes, Banbridge
Friday 9 June	7.00pm	Adrian Fegan, Dundalk, formerly Killeavy Road Elizabeth & Arthur O'Reilly, Second Avenue, Derrybeg The deceased members of the Traynor family, late of Kilmorey Street Carmel & Hugh Smith, Derrybeg Drive
Saturday 10 June	7.00pm	Patricia McCracken, Orior Road Mary Shields, Killeavy Road

St. Catherine's Anniversaries

Saturday 3 June	7.30pm	Jeff Byrne Edward Gray
Sunday 4 June	8.00am 12.15pm	Cathal Boylan Benefactors of Church & Priory Anna O'Hanlon (M.M.) Kathleen Donegan Ferdinand Waibel Frank O'Connor George & Teresa Murphy
Monday 5 June	7.30am 11.00am	Kevin McParland Tom, Margaret & Hannah McGreevy
Tuesday 6 June	7.30am 11.00am	Kevin McParland Francis Carroll Tom Quinn
Wednesday 7 June	7.30pm 7.30am	Sr. Cabrini Conti Kevin McParland
Thursday 8 June	7.30pm 7.30am	Eamon Burns Kevin McParland
Friday 9 June	7.30pm 7.30am	Tom McParland Kevin McParland
Saturday 10 June	7.30pm 7.30am	Mary & John Keenan Kevin McParland Gerry Murphy
Sunday 11 June	7.30pm 9.30am 11.00am 12.15pm	Jim & Kathleen Campbell Anna Fearon Patrick McCracken Mary Anne Maguire Hugh Golding Maureen Spittle (M.M.) Teresa McParland Malachy Cole Patrick & Beatrice Hughes Benefactors of the Church & Priory

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